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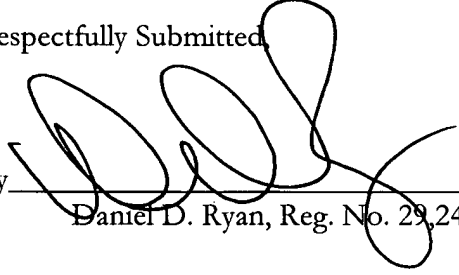
Claims 1 and 13, as amended by Amendment C have been further amended to correct a typographical error that appeared in these claims presented in Amendment C, as well as add further subject matter in claim 1 to lend consistency between the claims in this application and those in related copending application Serial No. 09/882,280 (as amended), which is also being examined by Examiner Smith.

The amendment to claim 1 further responds to the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Talish et al. (6,432,070) in view of Peterson et al. (6,126,619). Talish does not teach or suggest an ultrasound applicator that is stabilized on a chest during use in a way that leaves the chest alongside the applicator bare. In Talish (Fig. 2), the strap assembly includes components that are affixed to the side portions of the housing. Indeed, these side components extend entirely across and cover the chest of the individual, so that it is not possible to place another device on bare skin alongside the ultrasound applicator. Likewise, Peterson does not teach or suggest an ultrasound applicator that is stabilized on a chest for use while leaving the chest alongside the applicator bare for the placement of another device on bare skin.

Applicant believes that claims 1-5 and 7-16 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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